

Intoxicants and Re-enactments

In light of the recent "legalization" of Cannabis and the use of other intoxicants, it is appropriate to take a few moments to consider what that means to the re-enactment community.

As we are all responsible for safety on the field it is incumbent on all of us, soldiers, NCO's, Officers in command of companies and the staff to ensure that no one person should be handling or commanding those handling firearms while under the influence of any intoxicant as it can and will negatively impact an individual's ability to do so safely.

It is too easy to have an accident when one's judgement is impaired by said intoxicants. The sites that allow us to re-enact on their property do not allow it and that fact in itself should be enough to remind us to be sober on the field.

It is illegal to consume cannabis on Parks Canada Historic sites, primarily for the same reason that it is not permitted to smoke tobacco as it is considered a fire hazard.

If you become aware that anyone under your command is intoxicated by any substance, you should not allow them to participate in active use of any black powder devices or edged weapons.

It's dangerous to them, it's dangerous to the troops around them, it's dangerous to those who portray the opposition and it's dangerous to the public. It would likely void your insurance.

As we know, many sites allow after hours enjoyment of legal substances. As these events are family friendly please try to avoid consuming while children are present.

Finally, should sites contact us with updated policies, we will share any information that we receive.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter please feel free to contact any one of the staff members.

Sincerely,

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